

Assam Police seize over 1.5 lakh foreign cigarettes in Guwahati, two arrested



In a major crackdown on the illegal trade of foreign tobacco products, the Assam Police on Sunday night seized 1,59,600 foreign-made cigarettes and arrested two individuals in Guwahati's Lalmati area.

Acting on a tip-off, a team from Basistha Police Station conducted a search operation in the area and intercepted a cement-laden LP truck, where a large consignment of ESSE Light Slim Cigarettes—manufactured under the authority of KT & G, Korea—was being offloaded into a Tata Intra pickup van.

The two apprehended individuals have been identified as Chandan Barman (48) and Pranjal Das (25). They failed to produce valid documents for the possession and transportation of the contraband.

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